

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A cleaner, ~~characterized in that~~
comprising:

a cleaner body having an insertion portion into which a supporting body for supporting the cleaner is inserted;

a at least one fringe belt is comprising a large number of fringes on a side in a longitudinal direction and a fringe supporting section for supporting each of the fringes, said belt being convexly curved in a direction of insertion of the supporting body, said belt being fusion-bonded to a surface of a the cleaner body comprising an insertion portion into which a supporting body for supporting the cleaner is inserted at the fringe supporting section; and

a fiber bound body being provided by bundling a large number of fibers, and being fusion-bonded to the surface of the cleaner body to be partially surrounded at a periphery thereof by the fringe belt.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the fringe belt is made from a nonwoven fabric.

4. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a plurality of fringe belts ~~are being~~ provided, and each of the fringe belts is provided on the surface of the cleaner body so as to partially overlap with one another in an inside direction and in an outside direction.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 5 1, wherein the fiber bound body is made from a bundle of fibers having a water-absorbing property.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Amended) The cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the cleaner body is provided with a sheet material with a water-absorbing property at a back surface opposite to the surface on which is fusion-bonded the fringe belt.

10. (Previously Cancelled).

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the supporting body comprises a handle having supporting rods corresponding to the insertion portion of the cleaner body and capable of being inserted therein and a grip extending opposite to ~~said~~ the supporting rods.

13. (Currently amended) A cleaner comprising:

a hollow fabric body having an open end,

a fringe comprising a large plurality of fringe elements incorporated in at least one elongated fringe belt having a continuous supporting section from which the fringe elements extend, and being fusion bonded to at least one surface of ~~said~~ the hollow fabric body in a convex arc following the shape of the hollow fabric body,

a fiber bundle bonded to the surface of the hollow fabric body inward of and adjacent to the fringe element to be partially surrounded by the fringe element, and.

a supporting body comprising a handle having supporting means insertable into ~~said~~ the hollow fabric body through ~~said~~ the open end and a grip extending opposite to ~~said~~ the supporting means.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently amended) The cleaner according to claim ~~15~~ 13, further comprising a plurality of fringe belts bonded to ~~said the~~ hollow fabric body such that ~~said the~~ fringe elements of each belt ~~overlap~~ to be overlapped.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently amended) The cleaner ~~of~~ according to claim 13, further comprising a water absorbing sheet material applied to ~~the~~ a surface of ~~said the~~ hollow fabric body opposite to ~~said the~~ surface on which ~~said the~~ fringe is bonded.

19. (New) A cleaner, characterized in that a fringe belt is fusion-bonded to a surface of a cleaner body comprising an insertion portion into which a supporting body for supporting the cleaner is inserted, and the cleaner body being provided with a sheet material with a water-absorbing property at a back surface opposite to the surface on which is fusion-bonded the fringe belt.

20. (New) The cleaner according to claim 19, wherein the fringe belt is comprised of a large number of fringes on a side in a longitudinal direction and a fringe supporting section for supporting each of the fringes, said fringe belt being fusion-bonded to the cleaner body at the fringe supporting section.

21. (New) The cleaner according to claim 19, wherein the fringe belt is made from a nonwoven fabric.

22. (New) The cleaner according to claim 19, characterized in that a plurality of fringe belts are provided, and each of the fringe belts is provided on the same surface of the cleaner body so as to partially overlap with one another in an inside direction and in an outside direction.

23. (New) The cleaner according to claim 19, further including a fiber bound body, made by bundling a large number of fibers, and fusion-bonded to the surface of the cleaner body to which the fringe belt is fusion-bonded.

24. (New) The cleaner according to Claim 23, the fringe belt and the fiber bound body being fusion-bonded to the surface of the cleaner body to at least partially surround a periphery of the fiber bound body by a fringe portion of said fringe belt.

25. (New) The cleaner according to claim 23, wherein the fiber bound body is made from a bundle of fibers having a water-absorbing property.

26. (New) The cleaner according to claim 24, wherein the fringe belt is convexly curved in a direction of inserting the supporting body.